

SUPREME COUNCIL CERTIFICATE.

The following are explanations of various portions of the Supreme Council Certificate, of which use may be made in presenting such certificates. The explanations were given by M. Ill. Bro. Rev. Canon G. T. Waldegrave, M. B. E., M. A., 33^o, Grand Prior.

Top Scroll in Latin - To the Glory of the Great Architect of the whole Circle of Worlds.

Double-headed Eagle with the Imperial Crown - alludes to the reputed original Rulers of the Order in 1758 - the Emperors of the East and West - a single body with one head facing East and the other West. The Triangle of course has its usual Masonic signification, and the 33^o refers to this Degree being the highest recognised.

Standards - Dexter - see above, Double-headed Eagle.

Sinister - the three Lions of England.

Both Standards together represent the Governing Body under the English Constitution.

Motto of the Order - The Garter Motto, meaning God and My Right.

Ordo ab Chao - Order from Chaos - an obvious reference to Creation, with spiritual intent.

Cross - In Masonry the selection of the form of a Cross has been largely governed by the desire to avoid one used by another Order.

The Templar Order was the first in England to adopt crosses and the Grand Master is indicated by a Salem Cross.

When the Supreme Council was formed in 1845, each member (as a component of a unit acting only in its corporate capacity) adopted a Cross differenced from the Templar form by the length of the lowest bar.

H. R. D. M. K-H. - Heredom Kadosh.

Heredom is the name of the Mystical Mountain of Attainment of Perfection. It is purely symbolic and has no geographical location. Mountains of this type are found in the Mysteries throughout the Ages, cf. Kailasa of the Hindus, Kaf of the Muslims, Asgard of the Norse, and many Sacred Mountains, found on maps, but understood mystically in the Inner Circles of Rites.

Kadosh is a Hebrew word meaning Sacred, Dedicated, Elect, Holy.

C. C. B. B. Cloudy Canopy. Burning Bush.

N. L. etc. - Latitude 51.31 North, Longitude 0.6 West Meridian of Greenwich, the exact geographical local of the Grand East of the Order - or more simply 10 Duke Street.

Light, Life, Love - Light, not material light, but that Light which came with the Great Fiat "Let there be Light" - cf. I am the LIGHT of the World.

Life, Eternal Life. A basic feature of Masonry is a faith that we survive the change called Death.

Love, Divine Love.

The Degrees Named - Grand Inspectors General = 33^o. N.B. This is the name of the Degree. The brother in charge of a district is "Inspector General" (without "Grand") and may be only 32^o.

Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret = 32^o.

Grand Inquisitor Commander = 31^o. (N. B.

G. I. I. C. stands for Grand (Inspector) Inquisitor Commander).

Grand Elected Knight K-H = 30^o

N. B. In the body of the Certificate the 13^o (Royal Arch of Enoch) is Ancient Master of the Royal Arch and the 14^o (Scotch Knight of Perfection) is Grand Elect Perfect and Sublime Master.

Grand Secretary General H. E. - H. E. means Holy Empire.